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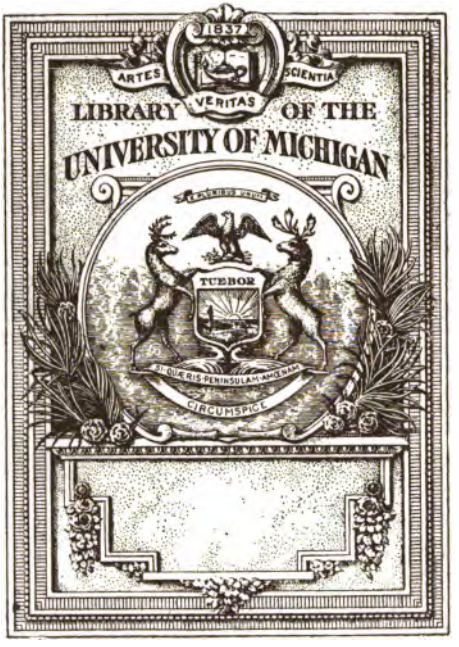
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The House mett According to adjournmt:/

Present	Present	Absent
Mr. Speaker		mr: Wm: Smith
mr: Ralph Izard	Capt: Wm: Brockhust	Capt Edmd: Bellinger
Capt: Job Howes	mr: John Ladson	mr: Dan: Courtise
Capt: Will: Davis	Capt: James Young	mr: Jno: Hamilton
Capt: Geo Rayner	mr: William White	mr: Jno: Alexandr
mr: Robert Stevens	mr: James Witter	mr: Hen LeNoble
mr: Wm— Canty—	mr: Richard Baker	mr: John: Morton
mr: Gabrill Glaze	Mr: Ja Gilbertson—	Dr Ja Williams
Capt: John Clifford	mr: Joseph Ellicott,	Capt: Geo Dearsley
Capt Tho: Broughton		
mr: Ja Stanyarne		
mr: John Stanyarne		

ffor Reasons Given to this house, for the Absence of Capt John Hamilton a member of this house, It is ordered that the sd Capt John Hamilton be Excused from from not attending the Service of this house/

Ordered That This House Enter into A Debate on Saturday Morning Next about Landgrave Thomas Smiths being Called from ye Service of this house, by a Writt from the upper house/

A Message from the upper house by Coll: Thomas Cary and John Beresford Esqrs Desireing this House to wayte upon the upper house/

According to the sd message this House wayted upon the uper house./

The House Returned from the upper house/

And mr. Speaker Reports to the House, That ye Rt Honoble ye Governr in his speech Did move to the House That they would Take into their Consideration The Great Abuses by Clipping and Defaceing the Currt Coyne of this ☩vince 2dly— That he hath Great Complaynts from the officers of the Millitia, that the Souldiers in their Respective Divissons Doe not make their Appeareance, which his honr: Takes to be by Reason of the Smallness of the fines 3dly— That this house would Take into their Consideration The ffortification at Charles Towne;/ And that they would Consider what ffund of money is in the Treasures hand, and of a further Supply to Cary on the sd ffortification / 4thly That for the Better Strengthning and

uniteing y^{e}: Inhabittants of this ℘vince They would Thinke of of Secureing to all Aliens their Estates and Give them by an Act Such Encouragement as Shall be Thought Convenient/ 5^{thly}— That This House would Consider what acts are Expired and fitt for Reviveing and to Consider of Some acts that are wthout Limitation and of their being in force,

Ordered That Majo^{r}: Thomas Broughton Capt William Davis and Capt John Clifford be a Comitte to prepare an Additionall Bill to the Millitia Act/

M^{r}: Speaker by Consent of the Members adjourned The House Till Tomorrow morrow morning, Eight of the Clock/

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Wednesday in the morning The House mett according to adjournment/

ordered That The messenger of this house Doe at the Houre The House from Time to Time adjournes To, Tole The Greatt Bell, in the Church for halfe An Houre, and Every Member wch doth not Attend the service of this house before The bell hath done Toleing Shall be fined 2^{s}: 6^{d}/

Ordered That Capt Job Hows and Capt George Rayno^{r}– Doe wayte upon The Hono^{rble}: The Governo^{r}– To know what Quantity of powder he hath pressed for the service of the Country and Make Report Thereof to this House/

Ordered That Capt George Dearsley upon urgent occations have The Leave of this House to Depart the Service of the Same.

Ordered That Capt Job Howes m^{r}: Daniell Courtise m^{r}: James Gilbertson m^{r}: Robert Stevens & m^{r} John Ladson be a Comittee to Joyne wth: a Committe of the uper house to Debate that part of the Govern^{rs}: Speech Relateing to alians, and Likewise to Debate of a Tollaration of Liberty of Consience

Ordered That m^{r}: James Witter & m^{r} James Stanyarne be a Comitte to prepare a bill for Regulateing Publick officers ffees—

The Question is putt whether an Act for Limetations and for Avoyding Sutes in Law Shall be Confirmed as it is, or be altred/ Caryed to be altred—

M^{r}: Speaker by Consent of the members Adjourned the House, Till Eight of the Clock in the forenoone, tomorrow

Thursday in The Morning The 25th: ffebruary
The House mett according to Adjournment/
The Committee appoynted to Joyne wth a Committe of the upper house, to Debate that part of the Governors– Speech Relateing to alians and Likewise to Debate of a Tolleration of Liberty of Consience/ Reports to the House as ffolloweth (vizt)
By the Comitte of Both Houses Resolved
That a Generall Act of Naturalization be prepared for all aliens yt have Petitioned Takeing the oath of alegiance & That their Lands be secured to them and their Children, & That all Aliens not petitioning now Resident if they Enter Their names in office wthin Time and Take the oath of allegiance Shall Injoy the Benifitt of the sd act
That such Care be Taken in The act to Provide Indifferent Jury men in all Causes Civill and Criminall That such persons Uncapable to Serve as Jury men be not Inserted in the Lyst
That care Likewise be Taken in The act for Regulateing The Ellections of members of Assembly That Such ꝑsons as Canott speake English or otherwise uncapable may be Exceptted—
That Liberty of Consience be Granted to all Except Roman Catholicks and That The Clause be Incerted in the act To putt in force the Severall acts in The Kingdome of England
The whole House agreed to the fforegoeing Resolution of the Committees,
Ordered That Capt Job Hows and mr: Daniell Courtise be a Comitte to Joyne wth: a Comitte of the upper House to prepare a Bill Concerning allians and Tollaration of Liberty of Consience/
Ordered That The House Enter into a Debate Concerning The Indian Trade, on Tuesday Next
The House Adjourned Till 2 of ye Clock in The after Noone/

In The afternoone The House mett According to Adjournmt—
Mr: Speaker by Consent of the members Adjourned the House till Eight of the Clock to Morrow Morning/

ffryday ye: 26th: ffebruary In The Morning
The House mett according To Adjournment/
ordered That The Publick Treasurer Doe pay out of the Publick money To the Rt Honoble The Governor– 44£: for fower Barrells of Powder Pressed by his Honor– for the use of the Country And That

This ord^{r}: be sent to the upper house for their Concurrance, And That m^{r}: Speaker signe The s^{d} ord^{r}/
Ordered That Capt Job Job Hows Capt George Raynor Capt John Clifford and m^{r} James Witter: be A Committe To Joyne with a Committe of the upper house to Consult wth.. S^{r}: Nathaniell Johnson and The other Commission^{rs} for Building The ffortt, about the forme of the ffortification agreed upon by the s^{d} Commission^{rs}: and wth. them to advise whether the s^{d} forme be a Convenient Defence for this place and Report the Same to this House/
Mr Speaker Adjourned The House till 2 of the Clock in The afternoone/

In The afternoone
The House mett according To adjournment
upon Reading a bill for uniteing of alians/
ordered That The s^{d} Bill be Debated in this House on Tuesday next in the afternoone/
The Committe appoynted to Joyne wth a Committe of y^{e} upper House To Consult wth S^{r}= Nathaniell Johnson and the other Commissioners for Building the ffortt &c/ Reports to the house as ffolloweth, That there be a ffortification in the place Assigned by Act of Assembly, And that from the platt of the ffortification allready made, The halfe moone be Taken away and That there be no port Holes, butt the Gunns to play over the wall/
Ordrd: That the House Debate the matter of the Last mentiond Reportt of The Committee Tomorrow, after the Debate Concerning Landgrave Smith—
ordrd: That m^{r} James Gilbertson a member of this House have Leave to Goe home about Urgent Buisness and Attend ye Service of this house on Tuesday next

Mr Speaker by Consent adjourned the house Till Eight of the Clock to morrow morning

Saturday y^{e}: 27th: ffebruary in The Morning
The House mett according to adjournm^{t}—
According To: The order for this day, The House Debated about Landgrave Thomas Smith's being Called from The Service of This House by a writt from y^{e}: upper house, and ordered That The Same be Debated againe in This House on Wednesday morning next/
According to the Ord^{r}— of this day The House Debated y^{e}: matter of the Report of the Committe, appoynted to Joyne wth: a Committe

of the upper house to Consult wth: the Commission^{rs}: appoynted for building ye ffortification

Resolved by The House That ye ffortification be not built according to the platt thereof allready Appoynted and that in the place there of There be made a Battrey—

Ordered y^{t} That Capt Job Howes m^{r}: Daniell Courtise and m^{r}— Robert Stevens doe wayte upon the upper house and Informe Them of the above Resolution and Desire their Concurance Thereto/

Ordered That m^{r}: Gabrill Glaze, a member of this House have Leave to Goe home upon urgent Buisness and Attend the Service of this house againe on Tuesday next in the morning

ordrd: That Major Thomas Broughton a member of this House have Leave to Goe home upon urgent Buisness and Attend the service of this house on Tuesday next in the after noone/

A message from The upper house by Capt James Moore & Capt William Hawett acquainting this house That The upper House have Concurred with the Resolution of this House in makeing a Battrey in The place of the ffortification/

Order^{d}: That Capt Job Hows Capt John Clifford m^{r} James Witter and m^{r} Daniell Courtise be a Committe to Joyne wth: a Comitte of the upper house and wth: Them to Call to their Assistance any other person or persons They shall thinke fitt and Advise & Consult of the forme of a Battrey to be made in The place of a fortification, and a Platt of the s^{d} Battery to Lay downe in paper and Report ye Same to this house/

M^{r}: Speaker by Consent of the members adjourned The House Till Munday Morning next/

Monday The first of March 1696/7 In The Morning ye house Mett According to adjournment/

Upon Heareing The peticons of Severall Inhabittants of this province Concerning y^{e}: packers place. It is ordered y^{t} the Debate of the s^{d} Peticons be Reffered Till the afternoone/

Upon Reading The Petition of William Bradly The Question is putt whether any part of his fforfeiture shall be Remitted or nott, Caryed To Remitt part part of his fforfeiture

The Question is putt whether this House shall Remitt William Bradley pylott one halfe of his fforfeiture or one Third,

(Caryed for a Third part,

Upon Reading The Humble Petition of William Bradly Pylott For Remitting The Judgment Recovered against him in the Co^{rt} of

Please for one Hundred Pounds for The Breach of the act for the Entry of Vessells/
Ordered That one Third part of the s^{d} fforfeiture being y^{e}: Informers part, be Remitted him he paying the Charge in obteyneing the s^{d} Judgment And That this ord^{r} be sent to the uper house for their Concurrance/ and That m^{r} Speaker Signe the s^{d} ord^{r}
The above ord^{r} is Assented to by the upper house, Jos Blake/
By Consent of The House m^{r}: Speaker adjournd The House Till Three of the Clock in The after noone/

In The afternoone The House Mett according To Adjournment/
A Bill to make Currant fforreigne Coyne and to Establish and Settle, The weight Thereof Read ye first Time and past wth amendments/
A Bill for Ascertaineing Publick officers ffees Read ye first Time and past wth: amendments/
The Question is putt Whether an act Shall be prepared agt The next session, for Regulateing the Tanning of Leather or nott/ Caryed in the negative/
The Question is putt whether John Beresford Esqr: or William Shaw Coop^{r}:, shall be on of the Packers of this province,
Caryed for William Shaw, to be one of the pack^{rs}.
M^{r}: Speaker by Consent of the members adjourned The House Till Tomorrow morning Eight a Clock/

In The Morning Tuesday ye 2^{d} of March 1696/7
The House mett according to Adjournment,
The Comittee apoynted to Joyne wth: a Comittee of the [break] to: Consult of ye forme of a Battrey to be made [break] place of a ffortification Reportt to the House as ffolloweth/
That they had agreed to ye forme of Battery and Laid Downe a Platt thereof which they presented to this House/
Ordered upon debate of ye s^{d} fforme and platt thereof That The ffront Line of the s^{d} Battery be Extended 20 ffeete soe y^{t} ye s^{d} Line Containe 120 ffeete in all And That The said Committe Draw a platt Accordingly and Call to their Assistance whome they shall thinke fitt and Lay out ye ground for the s^{d} Battery/
According to The order of this day for a Debate Concerning y^{e}: Indjan Trade/

Resolved by The House That the s^{d}: Trade be Regulated/ and y^{t}: ye method of Regulateing ye same be Debated The next sessions/
A Declaratory and aditionall Bill to Provide indifferent Jury men in all Causes Civill and Criminall
Read ye first Time and past wth: amendm^{ts}:
A Declaratory and Repealeing Bill Read The first Time and past wth amendments,
A Bill to Supply ye Roome of members of the Commons House which by Death or other wise are uncapable to attend y^{e}: Service of the House, Read The first Time and past wth: amendm^{ts}/
A Bill for Limitation of actions and for avoyding suites in Law Read ye first time and past with amendments

M^{r}: Speakeker by Consent of the members adjourned The House Till 3 of the Clock in ye afternoone/

In The afternoone The House mett according to Adjournment
According to an order of this day for Debateing a Bill for uniteing of allians, &c/
Resolved by the House that the Same by Debated in this house to morrow morrow Morning

M^{r}: Speaker by Consent of the Members adjourned the House Till Eight of the Clock to morrow morning/

Wednesday in The Morning. The 3^{d} of March 1696/7
The House Mett according to adjournment
According To the ord^{r} of this day The House Debated about L^{d}grave Thomas Smith being Called from The service of this House, by a writt from the upper House/
Resolved by This House That The s^{d} Landgrave Thomas Smith being a member of this House Can not Legally be Called from the service of this House as Landgrave by a writt from The upper house, And that Capt Job Hows m^{r} Robt Stevens and Capt John Clifford Doe Informe the upper house the s^{d} Resolution/
According to ye ord^{r} of this day The matter about alians was debated/ and Resolved that the bill prepared Should be Read/
A Bill for Unition of all protestants and makeing aliens ffree of this part of the province/
Read The first Time and past wth amendments
A Bill to make Currant fforeigne Coyne and to Establish and settling the weight Thereof &c. Read The seccond Time and past wth: amendments

A Bill to Regulate y^e Ellections of y^e members of Assembly
Read y^e: first Time and past w^th: amendments
Mr Speaker by Consent of the member^s [break] House till 2 in y^e afternoone/

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In The Afternoone The House Mett according To Adjournment, The Question is putt whether the Speaker Shall Receive ffive shillings ffee for all men named in the Act of uniteing aliens &c, or ffive shillings ffee for all men that Receive benifitt of itt,/

Caryed That the Speaker Receive ffive shillings ffee for all men that Receive Benefitt by the act — —

The Question is putt whether the Speakers ffee for any Private act Shall be Incerted in The Table of ffees or nott

Caryed That the Speakers ffees be Incerted In The Table of ffees

The Question is putt whether the Speakers ffee for a Private Act Shall be ffive pound or Three Pound

Caryed for ffive Pound, for a Private Act

The Question is putt whether The House Shall Enter into a Debate what is a Private act and what is nott/

Caryed nott to Enter into a Debate

M^r., Speaker by Consent of the members Adjourned The House Till To Morrow morning Eight of the Clock

Thursday in The Morning, March 4th: 1696/7}

The House Mett according to adjournment
An Aditionall Bill for The Better Settling and Regulateing of The Millitia Read The, ffirst Time and past w^th: amendm^ts—

An Act for Limetation of actions and for a Voyding of Sutes in Law, Read the Second Time and past/

Ordered That The Clerke Doe Ingrose, The act To make Currant fforreigne Coyne, and To Establish & Settle The weight Thereof/

M^r,, Speaker by Consent of the Members adjourn'd The House Till Two of The Clock in ye afternoone

In The after noone The House Mett according To Adjournm^t.—
Ordered That The House Enter into a Debate Tomorrow Morning Whether The Packers act be a Private act or not/

Ordered That M^r,, William Canty have Leave to Depart The Service of this House his ffamily being Sick — — —

A Declaratory and Repealeing Bill Read The Seccond Time and past,
A Bill for Regulateing The Election of members of Assembly Read The Seccond Time and past
A Bill to Settle The forme of Conveyance of Land Purchased or to be purchased Read The first Time and Past with amendments — —
A Bill for The Makeing Aliens ffree of this part of This Province and for Granting Liberty of Consience To all Protestants Read the Seccond Time and past/
Ordered That a bill for Limetation of Actions and for avoyding Sutes in Law, be Ingrosed by ye Clerke
Ordered That m^r^— John Stanyatne have Leave to Dep^rt^. The Service of This House and Attend The service of The Same on Munday next,
M^r^,, Speaker by Consent of the Members adjourned The House Till Tomorow Morning Eight of the Clock—

ffryday ye 5th: March in The morning
The House Mett according to adjournment
The Question is putt whether the Debate Concerning The Packers act Shall be Debated in the House or by a Comitte of the whole House/ Caryed for a Comittee of ye Whole House — — —
The Whole House Resolved into a Grand Committee To Debate The matter Concerning the Packers act and m^r^ Daniell Courtise Choosen Chaireman
M^r^: Speaker Reassumed The Chaire/
And m^r^,, Chairman Reports to the House the Resolution of The Committee, as ffolloweth/
Resolved by The Committee That The Packers act, is a Private act/

The Question is Putt whether The House a Grees to the above Resolution of the Committe or nott, Caryed That the House agrees To the Resolution of the Committee

A Bill To Settle the forme of Conveyances for the purchase of the Quit Rents of Land Patented at one peny ℔ acre Read The Seccond Time and past — —
An Aditionall Bill for the Better Settling and Regulateing of the Millitia Read The Seccond Time & past,
Ordered That The Clerke Ingrosse The Bill To Regulate the Ellections of members of Assembly/

Mr= Speaker by Consent of the members adjourned ye House Till Two of ye Clock in The afternoone—

In The Afternoone The House mett according To Adjournment — —

A Declaratory and Additionall Bill To Provide InDifferent Jury men in all Causes Civill and Criminall Read The Seccond Time and Past

The Question is putt whether The officers ffees in their Severall Tables in the Late act of ffees Shall be Raised Proportionably to the Raiseing of money or nott/ Caryed in The negative,

Ordered That a Bill for The makeing Aliens ffree of This Part of This Province and for Granting Liberty of Consience To all Protestants be Ingrossed by The Clerke by the Clerke,

Ordered That a Bill to Settle ye forme of Conveyances for the Purchase of The Quitt Rent of Lands Patented at one peney ℔ acre be Ingrosed by the Clerke—

Ordrd= That an Aditionall Bill for the Better Settling and Regulateing of the Millitia be Ingrossed by ye- Clerke/

Ordered That a Daclaratory and Aditionall Bill to Provide Indifferent Jury men in all Causes Civill and Criminall be Ingrosed by the Clerke—

Ordered That A Declaratory and Repealeing bill be Ingrosed by the Clerke,

Mr Speaker by Consent of the members adjourned The House Till tomorrow morning Eight of the Clock

Saturday In The Morning, The 6th: March 1696/7

Resolved by The House That the fees by the Late act for obteyning a Grant for one Hundrd acres of Land or any Quantity Less Then one Hundrd acres is To Greate — —

Ordered That Capt Job Howes mr Ralph Izard mr- Daniell Courtise and Capt Georg Raynor Doe Returne The Thankes of this House To the uper House for their Care in Indeavouring To Supress The Great abuse in Cliping The Coyne of this Province, And further Request them That they Would use their Endeavor in Prosicuteing the offenders Therein according To Law, And Likewise Request them That They would be pleased To Appoynt a Committee of their House To Joyne wth a Comitte of this House To Draw up a Bill for The Prevention Thereof/

Ordered That Capt Job How, mr,, Ralph Izard Mr John Ladson mr,, Daniell Courtise and mr,, Robert Stevens be a Committee To Joyne wth a Committee of the uper House, to Prepare a Bill to Prevent The Great Abuses in Cliping of money/

Mr–, Speaker by Consent of The members Adjourned the House Till Two of the Clock in The afternoone/

In The afternoone, The House mett according to adjournmt

A Bill to Establish Currant fforreigne Coyne and To Prevent The Clipping and Impareing thereof Read The first Time and past wth amendments

Mr Speaker by Consent Adjourned The House Till Munday next at Two of the Clock in The afternoone/

Munday In The Afternoone, The 8th March 1696/7

The House mett according To Adjournment

The House adjourned Till Tomorrow morning Eight of the Clock — — —

Tuesday In The Morning The 9th March 1696/7

The House Mett according To Adjournment

1 A Declaratory and Aditionall Act To Provide Indiferent Jury men in all Causes Civill and Criminall Read The Third Time and Past into a Law — — —

2 An Act To Regulate The Elections of The Members of Assembly Read The Third Time and Past into a Law/

3 An Act for The Makeing Aliens ffree of This part of This Province and for Granting Liberty of Consience To all Protestants

4 An Act for The Limetations of actions and for a Voyding of Sutes in Law, Read The Third Time & Past into a Law — — —

Mr: Speaker by Consent of The membrs— adjourned The House, Till Two of the Clock In The Afternoone — —

In The Afternoone The House mett according To Adjournment – –

5 An Act to Settle The forme of Conveyances for The Purchase of The Quitt Rents of Land Patented at one peney ℔ acre, Read The Third Time and past Into a Law — — —

6 A Declaratory and Repealeing act Read The Third Time and past into a Law, — —

7 An Act To make Currant fforeigne Coyne and to Establish and Settle The weight Thereof &c Read the Third Time and past into a Law — — —

8 An Aditionall act for The Better Settling and Regulating of The Millitia Read The Third Time and Past into a Law

Ordered That The Com^{rs} for Building ye ffortefication Doe Cary on and Build The Battery According To a Platt Thereof Brought into This House, by The Committee appoynted by an ord^{r} of this House The Seccond of march To Draw the Same And That This ord^{r} be Sent to the uper House for Their Concurrance and that m^{r} Speaker Signe The Same/

The above ord^{r} was Assented To by The uper House and Signed by The R^{t}: Hono^{blle}: Jos Blake Governor

Ordered That m^{r} Jonathan Amory Publick Receiver Doe Soe Soone as it Can be had Buy or Press for the use of The Publick ffive barr^{lls}: of ffine Gunn Powder not Exceeding the Price of Eleaven Pound The Barr^{ll}— And Two Thousand of Gunn fflints And the doe Deliver of the said Powder to each Captaine of Every Company in This Part of this Province halfe a pound of Powder, for Each man Listed in his Company and Take from Every Respective Capt, A noate or Bill und^{r} his hand to Pay The s^{d} Publick Receiver for The use of The Publick The first Cost of The Powder Delivered him, And That this ord^{r} be sent to ye uper House for Their Concurrance/

Ordered That Soe Soon as The Publick Receiver hath bought or Prest ffive Barrells of Powder That Every Capt- of Every Respective Company Doe Receive from The said Publick Receiver Halfe a Pound of Powder for Each man Listed in his Company and y^{t} he Deliver to each man in his Company halfe a Pound of Powder, The ꝑson he Delivers the Same to paying him ffifteene pence for Each halfe Pound And That Every Respective Capt, upon the Receip^{t} of The Powder ffrom The Publick Receiver, Doe give him a note und^{r} his hand to pay The said Receiver for the use of The Publick The first Cost of The Powder he Receives And That This ord^{r} be sent to The upp^{r}, House for their Concurrance

Upon Reading The Humble Petition of Will Bradley Vintner/

Ordered That if The said William Bradley doe pay The Publick Receiver for The time being Sixteene Pounds Thirteene Shillings and ffower pence, wthin one month and Twenty ffive Pounds within

Six Months and Twenty ffive Pounds more within Twelve months from The date hereof That Then The said Receiver doe forbeare Takeing out Execution upon The Judgment obteyned ag^{t} him by Jonathan Amory Informant at the Last Court of Please— And that this Ord^{r} be sent to the uper House for their Concurrance

Ordered that m^{r} Jonathan Amory Publick Receiver doe pay to m^{r} Edwd Rawlings Vintner The Sume of Tenn Pounds ffive Shillings Ster^{ll} being for Victualls and Drinke Supplyed the Spanyards that Lately Came to this Governm^{t}— to Conduct Severall of The English Nation Cast away upon fflorada Shoare, And That This ord^{r} be Sent to The upper house for Their Concurrance

Ordered That m^{r} Jonathan Amory Publick Receiver doe Pay to m^{r} ffra ffidling Tenn Pounds Ster^{ll} being for Victualls and Drinke and other accomodations suplyed The Indjans That Came wth the Spanyards That Conducted to this Place, Severall men of the English Nation Cast away upon fflorada Shoare, And That This ord^{r} be Sent to the uper house for their Concurrance

Ordered That The messenger of this House Doe Give notice to Landgrave Thomas Smith a member of This House That he doe Attend The Service of this House The first Setting of this assembly after This Session/

Mr Speaker by Consent of the Members adjourned The House Till Eight of the Clock tomorrow morning/

Wednesday Morning The 10th: March 1696/7

The House Mett according To Adjournment,

Whereas by an act Entituled An act for ye Raiseing of a publick Store of Powder for The Defence of this Province The Gunner is Commanded to ffire Three Gunns to Every Vessell ffireing ffive or any Quantity a bove. Butt Considering the Small Quantity of Powder there is in Store, it is hereby ordained And the Gunner is Likewise Commanded to Give one Gunn and noe More to any Vessell arriveing here and Saluteing This port — —

And That This ord^{r}— be sent to the uper House for Their Concurrance/

Ordrd: That m^{r}— Speaker Signe the Seaven ord^{rs}. aforesaid/

The above ord^{r}ers was Assented to by The uper House and Signed by The R^{t} Hono^{ble} The Governo^{r}/

Ordered That m^{r} Speaker p^{r}sent to the uper House The ffollowing acts for Their Ratification (Vizt)

1 An Act to make Currant fforreigne Coyne and To Establish and Settle The weight Thereof/

2 An Additionall act for The better Settling and Regulateing of The Millitia/

3 A Declaratory and Repealeing Act — — —

4 An Act for makeing Aliens free of This part of this Province and for Granting Liberty of Consience To all Protestants/

5 A Declaratory and Additionall Act To Provide Indifferent Jury men in all Causes Civill and Criminall

6 An Act for Limetations of actions and for a Voyding of Sutes in Law — — — —

7 An Act To Regulate The Elections of memb^{rs}: of Assembly

8 An Act To Settle The forme of Conveyances for the Purchase of ye Quitt Rents of Land Patented at one peney ℔ (acre)

The above acts of Assembly were Ratified in open assembly by The R^{t} Hono^{rble} Jos Blake Prop^{r},, and Governo^{r}/ and the Lords Proprietors Deputyes The 10th: day of March 1696/7/

Mr Speaker by Consent of the Members adjourned The House Till the Seccond wednsday in November next — — —

Wednsday
Novemb^{r}: the 10th 1697/

The House Mett according to Adjournment,

M^{r}: Speaker by Consent of the Members Adjourned the House Till Eight of the Clock Tomorrow Morning

Thursday in The Morning The 11th: of Novemb^{r}/ 1697/

The House Mett according to Adjournment,

Mr Speaker by Consent of the Members Adjourned The House Till Three of the Clock in the afternoone/

In The Afternoone The House Mett according to adjournment.

Present

M^{r}: Speaker
m^{r}: Ralph Izard
Capt Job How
m^{r}: Robt: Stevens
m^{r},, Jno: Ladson
Majo^{r}: Tho: Broughton
m^{r}: W^{m}: Smith
m^{r},, John Hamilton
Capt Georg Raynor
Capt W^{m}– Brockhust
Capt Tho: Smith
m^{r},, Joseph Ellicott
m^{r},, John Stanyarne
m^{r},, Gabrill Glaze
m^{r},, W^{m},, White
Capt,, W^{m}: Davis.

Whereas The R^{t}: Hono^{rble}= The Governo^{r}: hath Recommended To the Consideration of this House The Disbursments on the Late Expedition to S^{t}: Augustine in the Sloope Rebecca, To Bring frome Thence Divers Runaway Slaves, The whole Amounting To the sume of one Hundred Thirty eight pounds nineteene shillings and Three pence Three farthings/

Ordered That m^{r} Jonathan Amory Publick Receiver doe pay out of the Publick money The s^{d} Sume of one hundred Thirty Eight pound nineteene Shillings and Three pence Three farthings To the Severall ℙsons to Whome the same is Due according to the acco^{t} of Disbursments Rendered to this House and that this ord^{r} be Sent to the uper house for Their Concurrance,

ordrd: That m^{r} Speakr signe ye Above ord^{r}/

M^{r}: Speaker by Consent of the Memb^{rs}— adjourned the House Till Eight of the Clock to Morrow Morning,/

ffryday In The Morning The: 12th: Novembr.—
The House Mett according To Adjournment—
Mr: Speaker by Consent Adjourned The House Till 2 of the Clock in the afternoone/

In The afternoone The House Mett according To adjournmt

Whereas mr: Gabrill Glaze Bricklayr, had Three Slaves Run away To St: Augustine which were brought back in the Sloope Rebecca and by The Governor and Councill Committed to the Marshall and Condemned to Guelt according to an acf of Assembly Entituled An Act for The better ordering of Slaves By which Guelding one of the sd Slaves named Cyras Dyed, And in Consideration That the sd negro was a Bricklayer by Trade, and that the sd Gabrill Glaze was at an Extraordinary Charge in Mainteyning sd Three Slaves in Prison and other Extraordinary Expences/

Ordrd: That mr Jonathan Amory Publick receiver doe pay unto the sd Gabrill Glaze, or his Assignes Thee Sume of Sixty ffive Dollars over and above what is Appoynted to be paid him by The Directions of ye above mentioned act And That This ordr. be sent to the upper house for Their Concurrance/ And That mr: Speaker Signe the sd ordr/

The above ordr was asscented to by the uper House/

Novembr,, 12th 1697

Ordered That ye Publick Receiver doe pay out of the Publick Money To Thomas Rose Clerke of The Assembly for his cost in Pen Inke Paper and personall Attendance for and upon The Publick from The fifth day of December Last past To this Day The Sume of Sixty Dollars— And That This ordr— be Sent to the uper House for yr— Concurrance, And That mr Speaker Signe The same—

The Above ordr Assented to by The upr House,

Ordered That The Publick Receiver Doe pay out of the Public Money To mr,, ffrancis ffidling Messenger of this Assembly for his House Roome fire Candle and personall Attendance for and upon The Publick from ye fifth Day of December Last past To this Day the Sume of Thirty Dollars And That This ordr be sent to the upper house for Their Concurrance, And That Mr— Speaker Signe the said ordr/

The Above ordr Assented to by the upper House

Ordered That The Publick Receiver Doe pay out of the Publick Money To mr,, ffrancis ffidling Messenger of this Assembly for his

House Roome fire Candle and personall Attendance for and upon The Publick from ye fifth Day of December Last past To this Day the Sume of Thirty Dollarrs And That this ord^{r} be sent to the upper house for Their Concurrance, And That M^{r}— Speaker Signe the said ord^{r}/

The Above ord^{r} Assented to by the upper House

Upon Heareing the Humble Petition of Capt Burnibee Bull This day Read in The House/

Ordered That The Publick Receiver Doe pay out of ye Publick Money To Capt Burnibee Bull or his Assignes The full and Just sume of fforty Dollars And that This ord^{r} be sent to the upper House for their Concurrance and that m^{r} Speaker Signe The same—

The Above ord^{r} Assented to by the upper House/

According To An ord^{r} of this House, The Publick Receiver Brought into the House, his Acco^{ts}: Which were this Day Audited by the House and allowed — — —

Ordered That The Clerke of This House Doe Enter a Copy of The Above ord^{r}— In The Receivers Booke of acco^{ts}: and Signe The Same — —/

Upon The motion of m^{r} Robert Stevens a mem^{br}: of this House That ffive Indjans of the Soo:kay— Two of the Ya:hee:wee, And Three of the Sax:a:pax haveing murthered his son in his Journey to Virginia,/

Ordered That Capt Job: Hows, m^{r} Ralph Izard & m^{r} Robt Steven Doe Address, The Governo^{r} wth: the Rest of The members of y^{e} upper House, That The Governo^{r}— Doe ord^{r} and Comand The Essaws to Deliver up Those Indjans That Murthered Robert Stevens, into the Hands of this Governm^{t}= To Be Proceeded against as the Hainous and Murtherous fact Shall Deserve—

Reported That the Governo^{r}— would take that Care y^{t} y^{e}– reputation of this Collony should not be prejudiced and That the Essaus were ordered to be downe in a months Time, And if they would not Take That Care to Deliver up The Murtherers he should ꝓceed against them Soe as the Reputation of the English should not bee Injured/

M^{r}: Speaker by Consent of The Memb^{rs}: Adjourned The House Till Twentyeth day of Decemb^{r} Next